

Table 54-1 Percentage of high school completers enrolled in college, by age, race–ethnicity, and type of institution: October 1973–97

October	Ages 18–24				Ages 25–34				Age 35 or older			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Total	White	Black	Hispanic
	2-year institutions											
1973	6.3	6.3	4.6	9.8	2.1	2.0	2.3	3.6	—	—	—	—
1974	7.0	6.4	7.2	14.6	2.4	2.2	3.6	3.3	—	—	—	—
1975	8.1	7.7	9.3	13.6	3.0	2.7	5.2	5.5	—	—	—	—
1976	7.8	7.3	8.6	14.4	3.1	2.7	4.8	6.5	0.9	0.9	1.4	2.1
1977	8.0	7.5	9.8	13.9	3.1	2.8	5.5	4.6	—	—	—	—
1978	8.0	7.6	7.9	11.9	2.7	2.5	4.1	4.6	1.0	0.9	1.7	1.9
1979	7.6	7.1	8.4	13.3	2.6	2.4	3.2	4.4	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.6
1980	8.5	8.1	9.0	11.9	2.8	2.6	3.4	3.8	0.8	0.8	1.4	1.1
1981	9.0	8.6	7.9	14.3	2.7	2.5	3.2	4.2	0.9	0.8	1.5	2.6
1982	9.3	9.0	7.4	14.6	2.8	2.6	3.5	4.0	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.4
1983	8.9	8.8	7.4	12.1	2.8	2.6	3.5	5.3	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.2
1984	8.6	8.2	9.2	10.8	2.7	2.6	2.8	3.5	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.8
1985	8.6	8.3	8.4	10.5	2.8	2.7	2.7	4.1	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.1
1986	9.0	9.0	6.9	12.3	2.7	2.6	2.5	4.1	0.9	0.9	1.3	0.9
1987	9.8	9.5	8.7	12.0	2.5	2.3	2.6	3.8	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.0
1988	10.6	10.6	7.8	13.4	2.5	2.3	3.5	3.3	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.5
1989	9.9	9.5	9.1	13.2	2.5	2.4	2.4	3.3	0.9	0.9	0.9	2.0
1990	10.5	10.2	10.6	13.2	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.5	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.9
1991	11.8	11.3	11.3	14.9	3.2	3.0	3.6	3.8	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.3
1992	12.0	11.2	10.7	17.6	2.9	2.8	2.3	3.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.4
1993	11.7	11.5	9.4	16.2	2.7	2.4	3.4	4.2	1.0	0.9	1.4	1.5
1994	11.1	10.8	10.5	13.1	3.1	2.7	3.9	4.4	1.0	0.9	1.2	2.0
1995	10.9	10.2	11.2	13.5	2.7	2.5	3.6	3.0	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.7
1996	11.4	11.0	9.6	13.6	2.9	2.7	4.1	2.6	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.6
1997	11.9	11.7	10.4	13.9	2.7	2.7	3.0	1.9	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.3
4-year institutions												
1973	15.6	15.9	12.5	13.3	1.9	1.8	2.4	2.5	—	—	—	—
1974	15.6	15.9	13.6	11.8	1.8	1.6	3.2	1.8	—	—	—	—
1975	15.7	15.8	15.1	15.9	2.0	1.9	2.6	2.5	—	—	—	—
1976	24.4	24.6	23.9	19.4	6.3	6.2	6.8	3.8	1.3	1.2	2.7	1.8
1977	23.1	23.4	19.9	16.8	6.6	6.4	7.6	7.2	—	—	—	—
1978	22.6	22.9	20.8	14.5	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.4	1.4	1.3	2.0	2.4
1979	22.8	23.5	19.6	15.7	6.2	6.2	5.3	6.6	1.4	1.4	2.1	1.2
1980	22.2	23.0	17.0	16.9	5.6	5.7	5.5	4.6	1.2	1.1	1.7	1.7
1981	22.4	23.1	18.8	15.0	5.8	5.6	6.2	5.7	1.4	1.3	2.2	1.3
1982	22.7	23.4	19.5	13.6	5.8	5.8	5.6	4.5	1.3	1.2	1.7	1.5
1983	22.6	23.4	18.4	17.9	5.9	5.8	4.9	4.4	1.4	1.3	1.9	1.9
1984	23.4	24.5	16.9	17.4	5.6	5.5	4.7	6.2	1.2	1.2	1.6	0.9
1985	23.8	25.3	16.4	14.8	5.6	5.7	4.1	5.3	1.4	1.3	1.8	2.1
1986	24.2	24.7	20.7	16.3	5.3	5.1	5.0	6.0	1.4	1.3	1.9	2.3
1987	26.2	27.7	20.3	16.1	5.6	5.5	5.3	5.0	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.5
1988	26.4	27.8	20.0	17.4	5.4	5.5	3.9	4.5	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.9
1989	28.1	30.1	21.4	15.1	5.8	5.9	3.8	3.8	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.7
1990	28.4	30.2	21.8	15.1	5.8	6.1	3.3	3.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.0
1991	29.1	30.9	19.5	19.1	5.8	5.7	4.5	4.8	1.7	1.7	2.1	1.6
1992	29.6	31.3	22.7	18.5	5.7	5.6	4.4	4.7	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.3
1993	29.3	30.6	22.8	18.7	5.8	5.8	4.7	5.2	1.6	1.5	2.0	1.6
1994	31.1	32.8	25.1	19.8	6.5	6.4	5.8	5.7	1.7	1.6	2.3	2.3
1995	31.2	33.5	24.0	21.4	6.7	6.8	5.5	5.0	1.7	1.6	2.5	2.1
1996	31.8	34.0	26.1	20.2	6.8	6.4	6.8	7.1	1.7	1.6	2.4	1.8
1997	33.0	34.7	28.9	21.8	6.7	6.4	6.0	5.7	1.7	1.6	2.5	1.3

— Not available.

NOTE: In 1994, the survey instrument for the Current Population Survey (CPS) was changed and weights were adjusted. See the supplemental note to *Indicator 51* for further discussion. Included in

the total but not shown separately are high school completers from other racial-ethnic groups.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October Current Population Surveys.